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## RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION AND ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed April 25, 2006, in which a requirement for election of species was made, Applicants elect species HUMTPOX, HUMVWFA31, and HUMCSF1PO, without traverse. Claims 21 and 24 encompass this species.

No fee is believed due in connection with this submission. However, if a fee is owed, please charge Deposit Account No. 50-0842 for such fee.

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